STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, II of 1097.

Item.	Amount.			Remarks.
	Rs.	ch	c.	
Demand XII—Education ...	2,035	20	0	For payment of honoraria to Dr. John Mathai and the Rev. Father D. Honore, Members of the Travancore University Committee.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND I—LAND REVENUE.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 80 for the Land Revenue Branch of my office, in order that we may have a clerk there on Rs. 100—125, instead of one on Rs. 75-100 as at present. When this office was first formed, in 1097, there were two Managers, one for the Revenue Branch on Rs. 175 and the other for the Income Tax Branch on Rs. 150. Subsequently, in 1098, when the department was re-organised, these two posts were abolished and both the Revenue and Income Tax Branches were placed under the immediate control of a single Manager. The staff of clerks, fixed at the re-organisation, in the Revenue Branch was as follows:—

2 clerks on Rs. 75-100.
7 clerks on Rs. 40-70.
9 clerks on Rs. 25-40.

The House will see from this that there are two clerks on Rs. 75-100 in the Revenue Branch. The object is to convert one of these two clerks into a first grade clerk on Rs. 100-125. At present, none of the clerks in my office can ever hope to become a Tahsildar, because there are first grade clerks in other offices like the Account Office, the Secretariat and the Chief Engineer's Office. All these offices have several first grade clerks, and Tahsildars are generally recruited from these senior clerks. Therefore, no clerk in my office can hope to get any promotion. Dewan Peishkars have clerks on this grade, *viz.*, their Sheristadars; but my office has none in that grade. The senior clerk in my office must get a higher pay than the other clerks. I do not ask for any extra staff

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